

The LGA's Membership Offer

Purpose of report

For discussion and direction.

Summary

1. The LGA currently has 422 member authorities, including English and Welsh councils, Fire & Rescue, National Park and Integrated Transport authorities and one town council. A report on the proposed membership scheme for Police and Crime Commissioners was considered by the Leadership Board in February and work to develop that offer is continuing.
2. Over the past year, the number of councils out of membership has reduced from seven to four, with indications from others that they are considering rejoining. Most recently Doncaster Council has notified us of their intention to rejoin from 1 April 2012. Of the 21 councils on notice to leave from April this year, 12 have withdrawn or rolled over their notice, with others indicating their intention to do the same.
3. In December the Leadership Board agreed the LGA membership subscriptions for 2012/13 and invoices will be circulated in April (all authorities have already received notice of their subscription level). It is usual practice for us to write formally to council leaders, group leaders and Chief Executives, outlining the LGA membership offer and highlighting benefits that they have received in the preceding year. Cover letters are personalised and signed by the appropriate Group Leader or by the Chief Executive.
4. Members are invited to review this year's draft membership offer (**Appendix A**) and highlight any changes or additions they would like to see.

Recommendation

That members consider the proposed LGA membership offer for 2012/13.

Action

Officers to make any amendments in line with members' steer.

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